

ent parts of the world. Another chapter portraying famous sled dogs, past and present, would have been fascinating, and would have helped round out the book and make it truer to its title. And I would have liked to see more information about the qualities sought for dogs playing different roles on a sled-dog team. The dogs, who work so hard, and who give so much to the sport – without whom the sport would not, in fact, be possible – deserve as much.

The focus of *Amazing Animal Journeys* is definitely on animals. And the stories it tells – about Barren-ground Caribou, Monarch Butterfly, Gray Whale and Snow Goose migrations – are indeed amazing. While the book offers lots of terrific information and colourful illustrations, mainly photographs, it tries, in my opinion, to do too much.

Covering four complex wildlife migrations in 48 pages is itself an amazing feat. To do so successfully would have required either telling fewer migration stories more fully, or telling the same number of stories more simply. The author, unfortunately, tried to take the middle road, and the result is stories that jump around a little too much for smooth reading, and that don't provide enough links between details to make the information flow nicely. That said, the sentence structure is appropriate to the reading level, and the stories are certainly interesting.

Both books, however, left me wanting to know more. And that, perhaps, is not a bad thing.

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